THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) Debt service ratio is normally computed on the basis of debt service payments as percentage of current receipts, that is, exports of goods and gross invisible earnings. On this basis the country's debt service in 1985-86 on external debts is estimated at about 17 percent of the current receipts. The external debt position of the country at present is within manageable limits. Country's debt service in 1985-86 on external debts on Government Account, Non-Government Account, IMF drawals and Commercial borrowings including supplier's credit is estimated at about 29 percent of annual export earnings.

It is not possible at present to estimate precisely the export and invisible earnings of the country in the future years. As such, the likely increase in the debt service ratio in the next couple of years cannot be precisely estimated. However, Government have been following a cautious policy of external borrowings in order to ensure that the debt servicing liability of the country remains within prudent limits.

Growth rate in primary and secondary sector

2562. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth rate in 1986 in the Primary Agriculture sector is estimated to be only about 2 per cent and in the secondary industrial sector about 6 per cent;

(b) what are the actual estimates and what were the targets in this regard fixed for 1986 and also for the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) the impact on country's economy of such a low agricultural growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) According to the Quick Estimates released by C.S.O. the growth rate in 1985-86 in the Primary sector (excluding mining and quarrying) was 1.4 per cent and that in the secondary sector was 6.6 per cent. The lower growth rate in the Primary sector is attributable to weak monsoon in 1985-86.

(b) During the Seventh Plan, the gross value added in agricultural sector is expected to grow at an average annual rate of 2.5 per cent while for the mining and manufacturing sector the growth rate is *projected at 6.8 per cent.*

(c) Despite poor weather conditions, the growth in Gross National Product in 1986-87 may be between 4.5 to 5 per cent.

Gangs of uranium smugglers in Jaduguda

2563. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report which appeared in the 'Jansatta' of 27th December, 1986 to the effect that well-organised smugglers gangs, in collusion with officers of Uranium Corporation of India, Jaduguda, have been operating for more than 12 years, with their roots at Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Patna, Calcutta Bombay and Delhi and supplying it to China, Pakistan, Bangladesh and the CIA;

(b) if so, what are the names of the smugglers arrested, with the dates of arrest and the names of those smugglers who escaped punishment in a court of law;

(c) whether it is a fact that the yellow cake Uranium is converted into black powder by the smugglers and if seized, the Corporation disowns it; and

(d) what is the worth of Uranium produced, till date, in the Corporation which is unaccounted for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The matter is being investigated by the State Government of Bihar with the assistance from C. B. I. A sample of seized material was sent to BARC, Bombay for analysis and test result showed that the sample did not contain uranium.

(d) All uranium produced by UCIL is properly accounted for.

Non-filing of processes for patent by the thirteen laboratories of the council of Scientific and Industrial Research

2564. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 13 of the 39 Council of Scientific and Industrial Research laboratories did not develop even a single process worth filing for patent in 1983-84; as reported in 'India Today' dated 15th December, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the names and locations of these 13 laboratories and the total expenditure incurred on them in 1983-84?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir; but activities of some laboratories are not amenable for patenting, nor are they expected to.

(b) The following CSIR Laboratories did not have any patent application in the year 1983-84:—

(i) Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology, Hyderabad.

(ii) Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi.

(iii) Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh.

(iv) Industrial Toxicology Research Centre, Lucknow.

(v) Institute of Microbial technology, Chandigarh.

(vi) National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow.

(vii) Regional Research Laboratory, Trivandrum.

(viii) Regional Research Laboratory, Bhopal.

(ix) National Institute of Oceanography, Goa.

(x) National Institute of Science, Technology & Development Studies, New Delhi.

(xi) Publications & Information Directorate, New Delhi.

(xii) Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre, New Delhi.

(xiii) Structural Engineering Research Centre, Madras.

(xiv) Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu.

Their combined budget in 1983-84 was Rs. 2,489.781 lakhs.

Equal pension for equal rank in army

2565. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a suggestion from the army to the Fourth Pay Commission to accept 'equal pension for equal ranks', if so, with what results;

(b) how do the pensions for equal ranks, now compare; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (c) Under the rules, pensions are related to reckonable emoluments of the rank/pay group and the qualifying service at the